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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: STORY IN ARAB PRESS SERVICE RE IRAN'S CONSIDERING OIL
EMBARGO AGAINST ISRAEL

1. BBC CORRESPONDENT HAS QUERIED US CONCERNING STORY APPEARING
IN BEIRUT-BASED ARAB PRESS SERVICE AND ATTRIBUTED TO "SENIOR
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN JORDAN" TO EFFECT THAT IRAN IS SERIOUSLY
CONSIDERING OIL EMBARGO AGAINST ISRAEL TO FORCE IT TO MAKE
CONCESSIONS AND RESUME PEACE TALKS WITH EGYPT. STORY SAYS
IRANIAN MOVE "MAY HAVE BLESSING OF THE UNITED STATES".

2. WE HAVE ADVISED BBC TO TREAT STORY WITH CAUTION, AND, ON
UNATTRIBUTED BASIS, HAVE TOLD CORRESPONDENT WE HAVE NO RPT
NO INDICATIONS IRAN HAS ANY SUCH PLAN. WE HAVE FURTHER SAID
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THAT REPORT OF "U.S. BLESSING" IS ENTIRELY WITHOUT
FOUNDATION.

3. IN DISCUSSING REPORT WITH SENIOR NIOC OFFICIAL JAN 25, EMBOFF
RECEIVED CURIOUSLY NONCOMMITTAL REACTION, WHICH PROBABLY REFLECTS
ABSENCE OF IMPERIAL GUIDANCE, RATHER THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

4. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT SHAH, DURING VISIT OF CODEL ZABLOCKI, ANSWERED QUESTION FROM CONGRESSWOMAN MEYNER ON THIS SUBJECT. SHAH DEFTLY TURNED QUESTION ASIDE BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSUL CLOSELY WITH USG IN ANY MATTERS WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE THE USE OF PRESSURE, SINCE HE WOULD WANT TO BE SURE THAT IRAN'S POLICY WITH RESPECT TO OIL FOR ISRAEL CONFORMED CLOSELY WITH US POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ARMS FOR ISRAEL.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A GARBLED VERSION OF THIS COMMENT MAY HAVE REACHED JORDAN WHERE IT HAS BEEN REFRACTED THROUGH BEDOUIN PRISMS.

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